

# ITALIANS SEIZE MANY LARGE TOWNS; MORE STEEL STRIKERS RETURNING; SENATE INVESTIGATION IS STARTED

## Emulate D'Annunzio; Grave Situation Is Caused By Italians

**Jugo-Slav Force Overpowered—Peace Conference Circles Amazed at Conditions—Plan to Restore Montenegrin King.**

Paris, Sept. 25.—Apparently in emulation of Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio, whose dramatic seizure of Fiume centered the attention of the world on the eastern littoral of the Adriatic, other Italian leaders are reported to be advancing on Spalato, Sebenico and Trau, important towns along the coast which have been under the control of Jugo-Slav forces. Peace conference circles are plainly concerned over the situation, which seems to have become quite grave.

Belgrade dispatches declare Italian soldiers have overpowered a small Jugo-Slav force at Tuzor and have entered the town. The place mentioned probably is Tregir, the Croatian section of the city of Trau, about fifteen miles northwest of Spalato. Further south, there appears also to be disorders, reports from Rome indicating there is a virtual reign of terror at Diugana, a Dalmatian town close to the frontier of Montenegro.

In addition, there are rumors that the Italians plan to restore King Nicholas to the Montenegrin throne from which he was ousted by action of the national assembly last April. This action of the national assembly has never been recognized by the royal Montenegrin government which has maintained its headquarters near Paris for several months. King Nicholas is the father of Queen Victoria of Italy.

So far as known definitely, no answer to the Italian ultimatum by Italy relative to Fiume has been received from President Wilson although it is intimated in unofficial Italian circles that it has arrived.

Italians are disposed to reject any proposition looking to a compromise, the claim being made that the storm throughout their country can be calmed only by giving Fiume to Italy.

General (Peppe) Garibaldi, who arrived here yesterday, declared, "serious results would follow if Italians were not placed in a position to arrange the Fiume question according to the will of the people." He said the city was not closely blockaded and that the Italian government was sending supplies into the city.

Rome, Sept. 25.—Cabinet ministers do not seek to conceal the utmost gravity of the situation and the serious difficulty not to say the impossibility of finding a satisfactory solution to the Fiume problem. They do not want to use force against Captain D'Annunzio, wishing to avoid fratricidal conflict, and it is said that this hesitation may be partly due to the fact that troops ordered against the post's forces might refuse to obey orders.

The advisability of the cabinet resigning has been examined, but the idea has been abandoned, since a ministerial crisis would not help to solve the problem, nor is there a man available with greater authority or more energy than Premier Nitti, who (Continued on Page Five.)

## Preparing Prelate's Reception

**Cardinal Mercier to Visit New Haven Oct. 2 It Is Announced.**

**YALE COLLEGE TO HONOR CHURCHMAN**

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 25.—The program of arrangements for the visit to Yale University on October 2 of Cardinal Mercier, was completed by the university secretary's office and announced today. The distinguished visitor will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws. This will be at special convocation, the second to be held in a quarter of a century, the other recipient being Lord Kelvin, scientist, 15 years ago.

The commemorative ode written by Brian Hooker and set to music by Dean Horatio Parker of the Music School, sung last June, will be reproduced. President Hadley and Cardinal Mercier will speak. A procession of faculty and students will be formed at commencement, prior to conferring the degree upon the Cardinal.

There will be a university luncheon at noon, and afterwards Cardinal Mercier will speak to the students from the balcony overlooking the university quadrangle. During the rest of his stay and until a dinner to be given by President Hadley in the evening the guest will be shown the university and city.

## BULLARD CO. BUYS FAIRFIELD PLANTS TODAY

A. T. Bullard of the Bullard Machine Company this afternoon closed with the War Department the deal, whereby the Bullard company becomes the owner of the Fairfield shops which were operated by the Bullard Engineering company in Fairfield, during the war.

Negotiations for this property have been pending for several months and A. H. Bullard was delegated by the directors of the company to close the title as soon as the lawyers had the papers prepared.

## NEW YORK MAN HAD \$10,000 OF ESTATE IN BPT.

William Lovenheim, of New York, son of Joseph Lovenheim, also late of that city, has been appointed ancillary executor for this estate, of the estate of his father. Property at 84 Henry street, this city and deposits in three banks here amount to about \$10,000, while New York state property is valued at \$100,000. An exemplified will and proceedings in the Surrogate Court of New York has been admitted by Probate Judge Paul Miller.

## Meeting To Prevent Nation-Wide Strike Of Coal Mine Help

**Operators and Representatives of Men Gather in Buffalo in Effort to Reach Settlement Regarding Wages and Conditions.**

Buffalo, Sept. 25.—With a general strike of soft coal miners in the United States set tentatively for November 1, operators and representatives of the men met here today in an effort to avert it by reaching an agreement on questions of wages, working hours and working conditions.

The report of the scale committee, presented at the meeting of the United Mine Workers of America at Cleveland this week includes demands for a flat increase in wages of 60 per cent, a six-hour day, five days a week, with time and a half for overtime and double time for all work on Sundays and holidays.

Any agreement reached at the scale conference here must be submitted for ratification to an adjourned meeting of the United Mine Workers' convention at Indianapolis. The operators' delegation numbered 32 prominent mine owners from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Western Pennsylvania, headed by Thomas W. Brewster of Illinois, and chairman John L. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America and 32 representatives from the four district organizations in the central competitive field, participated in the conference on behalf of the miners.

At the outset the miners and operators seemed far from an agreement, prominent operators in conversation before the opening of the meeting characterizing the miners' demands as far too radical for acceptance. It was generally admitted that an agreement would be reached only after long deliberation if at all.

## BOMB KILLS 3; FATHER, WIFE AND BABE DEAD

Batavia, N. Y., Sept. 25.—A bomb killed three persons, injured four, and wrecked the two-story dwelling of Carlo Trimarchi here early today. Trimarchi, a restaurant keeper, had recently received three threatening letters.

The dead are Joseph Battagli, his wife and two year old son. Trimarchi, his wife and two small sons were injured. The Battagli family lived upstairs and the Trimarchi family downstairs.

## BIG SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

Washington, Sept. 25.—The public schools of the nation began the new school year with a shortage of approximately 38,000 teachers. This estimate was made today by the National Education Association on the basis of questionnaires sent to 3,463 district and county school superintendents in all states.

To meet the acute shortage, due in large part, Commissioner of Education Claxton has said, to the low salaries paid, it is estimated that approximately 65,000 teachers were employed who were below the standard requirements existing in the various school districts.

## EVERY TRAIN IS CARRYING GUARDS

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 25.—Every train entering the phosphate mining region of Hillsborough and Polk counties, where a strike of miners has been in progress for several weeks, was heavily guarded today by Deputy U. S. Marshals. The arming of trains, ordered by the Department of Justice followed threats by strikers and the firing upon several trains from am-

## Secreted Money In Farmhouse

**Police Recover \$42,500 of the Money Taken From Postoffice.**

**BILLS WRAPPED IN RAGS AND BURIED**

Chicago, Sept. 25.—With the recovery of \$42,500 found buried on the Wisconsin farm of Onicy (John) Wejda, father of John S. Wejda, clerk in the Chicago postoffice, who is said to have planned the robbery, the amount recovered from the \$224,000 stolen from a registered shipment from the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank to the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, at Whiting, Ind., Thursday, today was brought to \$181,500. The money was found wrapped in old rags and buried in a milk can. It was the younger Wejda's share of the loot, according to officers.

The missing money is believed, the police say, to be in the possession of a man who disappeared with the arrest Tuesday night of the younger Wejda, and Leo and Walter Filipkowski. The Filipkowskis, with the missing man, are said to have done the actual robbing. Much of the money recovered was placed in safety deposit boxes by them or members of their family.

## VOTERS "TO BE MADE" LOSE OUT UNTIL NEXT YEAR

**Slip of Officials in Many Towns Will Cost Men Votes.**

More than 1,000 voters in towns adjacent to Bridgeport will be unable to cast their ballots in the coming town elections next month because of the failure of the selection of the Public Acts of 1919 which change the rules for making new voters.

Stratford, Fairfield, Trumbull and other nearby towns are hardest hit. In Stratford and Fairfield, each town had about 400 names on the list of those "to be made," but all will have to wait until next year, according to the opinion of John S. Pullman, town counsel, sent to the Stratford selectmen today.

## REPORT LENINE ASSASSINATED

Paris, Sept. 25.—A rumor was in circulation on the Bourse here today that Nicolai Lenine, the Russian Bolshevik Premier, had been assassinated.

## Have Not Completed Plans To Sell Housing Co. Homes

**IT IS HOPED HOWEVER, TO START DISPOSING OF HOMES WITHIN TWO WEEKS.**

Arrangements for the sale of the houses constructed by the government through the Bridgeport Housing Co. are not as yet completed, according to Edward J. Murphy of Springfield, Mass., who has been delegated by the government to conduct the sales here. All of the local committee, which will appraise the property and have charge of the sales, has been selected by Mr. Murphy, except the real estate men, and these he expects to appoint in a day or two.

When the committee is completed an appraisal will be had and a time will be set for the sale.

Preference will be given to those bidders who are tenants of the houses they wish to purchase and the terms will be 10 per cent, down and one per cent, a month thereafter.

It is hoped to have all of the property sold within two or three weeks.

## Fitzpatrick Takes Stand In Senate To Defend Steel Strike

**Is First Witness to Appear in Government Investigation Which Will Determine What Can Be Done to Remedy Situation.**

Washington, Sept. 25.—Even should the U. S. Steel Corporation consent to meet representatives of the men, the nation-wide strike of steel workers could not now be called off, in the opinion of John Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the strikers committee, as expressed today at the opening of the Senate Labor Committee's investigation of the strike.

"The 350,000 men on strike," Fitzpatrick declared, "are going to demand from the U. S. government, justice, decent justice."

Fitzpatrick was late in arriving from Pittsburgh. He was accompanied by William H. Rubin, counsel for the steel strikers, who, at the outset of the hearing, asked what assurance had been given by Judge Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the board of the U. S. Steel Corporation, that he would appear before the committee next Wednesday.

Senator Kenyon replied that Judge Gary had telephoned him that he would be present Wednesday and added that "until that time we will not question his being here."

Rubin requested that the committee place in the record correspondence between J. P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President; Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, and Chairman Fitzpatrick, regarding efforts to postpone the strike. Senator Kenyon asked Rubin to read the telegrams and letters, which already have been published.

Fitzpatrick opened his statement with what he said was a brief history of labor conditions in the steel industry.

"With the creation of the steel corporation, a campaign was begun with the object of pushing organized workers out of the mills," he said. "A great sum of money, I don't know whether it was \$2,000,000 or \$20,000,000 was appropriated. In recent years labor has begun to realize the tremendous importance of the steel industry and its influence on other industries."

"While we were getting the eight hour day and better working conditions, elsewhere, the steel mills still operated with very long hours and with wages below the proper line. Labor understood then the necessity of organizing the steel industry for the purpose of controlling its effects on the others, and at the last two conventions of the Federation of Labor the step was authorized."

Fitzpatrick said representatives of 24 international unions, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor met in Chicago about a year ago and effected a campaign committee to organize the steel workers.

Samuel Gompers was elected chairman and William Z. Foster secretary. Men and money, the witness said, were assembled, but funds were so limited that the initial organization efforts were confined to the Calumet district, including Chicago and Gary, Indiana.

"The men in the steel mills," Fitzpatrick continued, "were looking for relief. They had no hope. They responded in large numbers and it was only a short time until we had a very successful organization."

"Up to that time there had been no unionism in the steel mills," asked Chairman Kenyon.

"No," Fitzpatrick replied. "About that time—October, 1918—the steel corporation was resorting to every effort to force action on the part of the men or of the labor organization to spread their influence. They announced establishment of the eight-hour day and we knew that was an effort to prevent our organization."

Senator Jones, Democrat, New Mexico, asked whether the employees had made application to the American Federation of Labor for organization, or whether movement had been initiated by the American Federation of Labor.

"The American Federation of Labor initiated the movement," Fitzpatrick replied.

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## Carnegie Workers Return

**Gradually Deserting Strike Ranks It Is Claimed.**

**NO MORE FIRMS ARE SHUT DOWN**

Pittsburgh, Sept. 25.—Neither side in the steel workers strike in the Pittsburgh district made any claim today of great changes in the situation. The fourth day of the walkout found western Pennsylvania comparatively the same.

Corporations announced today that the gradual return of men which set in the second day of the strike continued today. The return, it was said, was not large but was steady and gratification was expressed by steel company officials with the situation.

Secretary William Z. Foster, of the steel workers' national committee, said today he had no reports of further shut downs but was in receipt of information from different parts of the Pittsburgh field that gains are being made by the strikers. Mr. Foster added that interesting developments may be looked for within the next few days. He would not indicate what the nature of the developments would be. The strike leaders summed up the situation by stating that the situation was better than ever.

The officers of the Carnegie Steel Co. said more men had gone to work at Homestead, the Edgar Thomson works at Braddock and that the best showing was made at Clairton, where the Carnegie concern has by-product coke works, open hearth furnaces and finishing mills. It was also given out at the Carnegie offices that production in some of the company's mills was twice that of the day before. The city mills of the Carnegie company were reported in operation but working short-handed.

In the district outside the immediate vicinity of Pittsburgh, conditions were reported by corporation sources without material change, with a tendency toward improvement.

The American Steel & Wire Co. representatives said today that "there was not much change in conditions at its plants." A few more men were reported going to work everywhere, it was said. Conditions were a little better in the Pittsburgh and Chicago districts, the company said, but the Cleveland field remained unchanged.

Farrell, Pa., Sept. 25.—Luke Grogan, a Serbian, was shot and killed by a state trooper here shortly after 11 o'clock when the police searched a house under suspicion of being a sniping post from which shots have been fired at a steel plant.

The husbands of Farrell and Sharon remained quiet today. A full company of 54 state police continued to patrol the principal streets of Farrell. The local deputies said last night they heard reports that hands of men from across the Ohio state line nearby would come into Farrell and Sharon to join the Pennsylvania strikers. State and local authorities have taken precautions against any invasion.

Mass meetings have been forbidden by proclamation in Farrell and Sharon, the local secretary of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers is said to have announced that a meeting will be held across the Ohio line today.

Frank Youtch of Sharon was arrested today charged with firing a pistol into the North Carnegie plant in Sharon. About 50 shots were fired into the plant last night and two men (Continued on Page Five.)

## Claims They Agreed Not To Manufacture Coffin Handles

**SUIT FOR \$4,000 AGAINST BROTHERS BROUGHT BY SILVERWARE COMPANY.**

Alleging that Francis H. Macfarlane and Thomas E. Macfarlane violated their agreement not to engage in the manufacture of coffin handles and name plates in this city, C. D. S. Miller and Percy S. Hill, who operate the Bridgeport Silverware Mfg. Co., have started suit against the Macfarlane brothers for \$4,000. Papers in the action were filed in the Superior Court today and are returnable to the October term.

Miller and Hill say they acquired the property of the Bridgeport Silverware Co. from the Macfarlane brothers in pursuance of the agreement that the latter would not engage in the coffin hardware business in this city within a period of five years. The agreement provided that the Macfarlane brothers would pay a penalty of \$3,500 if they violated this agreement. It is claimed they have refused to pay the penal sum.